The Mourning-Crosse: or, *England*'s Lord have Mercy upon Us.

Containing The certain causes of Pestilential Diseases; With an Accompt of several modern Plagues or Visitations in times past, as well in other Countries as in the City of *London*; as also, The Number of those that then died, not onely of the Plague, but of all Diseases. Continued down to this present day, *August* 29. 1665.

To which is likewise added, A Necessary Prayer for this Present Time.

IT is no doubt, that the corruption of the Air, together with uncleanly and unwholsome keeping of dwelling, where many are pestred together; as also the not observing to have fires privare and publikely made, as well within houses as without in the streets, at times when the Air is infected, are great occasions to increase, corrupt, and produce pestilent Diseases. Neither can it be denyed, that the over-boldness of many pressing into infected places, and the lewdness of others with sores upon them, presuming into the open Air, some of wilfulness, but truly many of necessity, contamineth and corrupteth divers; as the Leprosie, the Pox, and sundry such unclean diseases do: as by drinking, lying in company, and other such means, where pure complexions and clean bloods are defiled with such as are purified; and therefore carefully to be avoided. But all these are accidental, and rather the effects then the cause. For it plainly appeareth in the Book of *Exodus*, that when it pleased the Almighty God to smite the *Egyptians*, the children of *Israel* were appointed to dip Hyssop in the blood of the Paschal Lamb, and smite of that blood on the outward posts of their doors, that when the Slayer came to destroy in one night all the first-born in *Egypt*, he might pass over the houses of Gods children. So that it is plain, it was an Angel then sent to smite those cruel people with the Pestilence.

London is situated as pleasantly as *Sodom*, and her sister Cities, before they sunk, even for the same sins that we have committed: for the sin of *Sodom* (saith the Prophet *Ezechiel*) was pride, fulness of bread, and contempt of the poor. That these sins reign in *London*, who can deny? To them adde, Fulness of Drink; for therein we exceed the Nations, that within these fifty years we hated for Drunkenness: And I doubt that unnameable sin of Sodomy is used in too many places of the City. Yet *London* stands, and so God, grant with his mercy it long may.

In the City called the *Grand Caire*, there is a Plague once every seven years, which cometh with such fierceness, that the most part of the people there do die thereof: and divers of them that remain alive, lose their eye-sight with the vapours and great heat which cometh from the ground.

In the year 254. fifteen Provinces of the Roman Empire, were in a manner consumed with the Pestilence.

In the yea 530. there dyed in *Constantinople* five thousand a day, and divers times ten thousand: and at that time, in some other parts of *Greece*, there were not sufficient living men left to bury their dead.

And in the year 1569. there fell such a Plague in *Constantinople*, that there dyed in six Months space, seven hundred thousand persons, and the year following fell such a Famine, that a penny loaf of Bread of English money, was worth a Crown of Gold: by reason whereof, the people dyed as fast then of the Famine, as before of the Plague.

In the year 540. there began an Universal plague all over the world, that continued 50. years with great violence.

In the year 1348. in *Paris* in *France*, there dyed a hundred thousand people of the Plague.

In the year 1359. so great a Pestilence there was in *Italy*, that there were scarce ten left of a thousand.

In the year 1521. there dyed in *Rome* a 100000. of the Pestilence.

In the years 1576. and 77. in *Millan*, *Padua* and *Venice*, there fell a hundred thousand in every City: and in *Bohemia* (being but a small Kingdom) there dyed three huudred thousand the same time.

In the Raign of King *Edward* the third, there fell a very great Pestilence in the East-Indies, among the Tartarians, Saracens and Turks, which lasted the space of seven years: through the fear whereof, many of the Heathens willingly offered themselves to become Christians. And shortly after, by reason of Passengers from one Province to another, the same Pestilence was dispersed in many Christian Kingdoms, and amongst other places was brought into *England*; where it was so forcible all over the Land, that not onely Men, but also Beasts, Birds and Fishes were smitten therewith, and found dead with Botches upon them. Also among men, the numbers that were left alive, were scarcely sufficient to bury their dead. At which time, with the rest that then died of the Plague, *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*, *Blanch* Dutchess of *Lancaster*, and the Earl of *Warwick*, ended their lives. So that in one year, in a little plot of ground of thirteen Acres compass, then called *Spittle-croft*, and now the *Charter-house*, was buried fifty thousand persons, besides all them that were buried in the Church-yards, and divers places in the fields. Yet our Visitations, though our sins exceed have been more gentle.

It is to be observed, That from the 25. of *December*, 1602. unto the 22. of *December*, 1603. there died of all Diseases, within *London* and the Liberties, thirty eight thousand, two hundred, forty four; whereof, of the Plague, thirty thousand, five hundred seventy eight: and the next year following, *London* was cleer of that Infection, and then were all the Shires in *England* grievously visited. Let the Country-people especially, ☞ *Note the Work of God.* The particular numbers in each year in *London* and the Liberties, of all Diseases, are as followeth.

1591. 1592.

	total.	Pl.
March 17	351	31
March 24	219	29
March 31	307	27
Aprill 7	303	33
Aprill 14	290	37
Aprill 21	310	41
Aprill 28	350	29
May 5	339	38
May 12	300	42
May 19	450	58
May 26	410	62
June 2	441	81
June 9	399	99
June 16	401	108
June 23	850	118
June 30	1440	927
July 7	1510	893
July 14	1491	258
July 21	1507	852
July 28	1503	983
August 4	1550	797
August 11	1532	651
August 18	1508	449
August 25	1495	507
Septemb. 1	1210	563
Septemb. 8	621	451
Septem. 15	619	349
Septem. 22	450	130
Septem. 29	408	37
Octob. 6	422	323
Octob. 13	330	308
Octob. 20	320	302
Octob. 27	310	301
Novemb. 3	309	209
Novemb. 10	301	107
Novemb. 17	321	93
Novemb. 24	349	94
Decemb. 1	331	86
Decemb. 8	329	71
Decemb. 15	385	39
Decemb. 22		
Baprized		5827
The total		25886
Of the Plague		11503

1603.

	total.	Pl.
March 17	108	3
March 24	60	2
March 31	78	6
Aprill 7	66	4
Aprill 14	79	4
Aprill 21	98	8
Aprill 28	109	10
May 5	90	11
May 12	112	18
May 19	122	22
May 26	122	32
June 2	114	30
June 9	131	43
June 16	144	59
June 23	182	72
June 30	267	158
July 7	445	263
July 14	612	414
The Out parishes this Week were joyned with the City.		
July 21	1186	917
July 28	1728	1392
August 4	2256	1925
August 11	2077	1743
August 18	3054	2719
August 25	2853	2535
Septemb. 1	3385	3034
Septemb. 8	3078	2728
Septem. 15	3129	2815
Septem. 22	2456	2192
Septem 29	1961	1731
Octob. 6	1831	1649
Octob. 13	1312	1142
Octob. 20	766	648
Octob. 27	625	504
Novemb. 3	737	592
Novem. 10	585	441
Novem 17	384	255
Novem. 24	158	102
Decemb. 1	223	105
Decemb. 8	163	55
Decemb. 15	200	63
Decemb. 22	168	74
The total of the Burials this whole year		38250
Of the Plague		30583

1625.

	total.	Pl.
March 17	262	4
March 24	226	8
March 31	243	11
April 7	239	10
April 14	256	24
April 21	230	25
April 28	305	26
May 5	292	30
May 12	332	45
May 19	379	71
May 26	401	78
June 2	395	69
June 9	454	91
June 16	510	165
June 23	640	239
June 30	942	390
July 7	1222	593
July 14	1181	1004
July 21	2850	1819
July 28	3583	2471
August 4	4517	3659
August 11	4855	4115
August 18	5205	4463
August 25	4841	4218
Septemb. 1	3897	3344
Septemb 8	3157	2550
Septem. 15	2148	1672
Septem. 22	1994	1551
Septem. 29	1235	852
Octob. 6	833	538
Octob. 13	815	511
Octob. 20	651	331
Octob. 27	375	134
Novemb. 3	357	89
Novem. 10	319	92
Novem. 17	274	48
Novem. 24	231	27
Decemb. 1	290	15
Decemb. 8	181	15
Decem. 22	157	1
The total of the Burials this whole year		54082
Of the Plague		35428

1630.

	total.	Pl.
June 24	205	19
July 1	209	25
July 8	217	43
July 15	250	50
July 22	229	40
July 29	279	77
August 5	250	56
August 12	246	65
August 19	269	54
August 26	270	67
Septemb. 2	230	66
Septemb. 9	259	63
Septem. 16	264	68
Septem. 23	274	57
Septem. 30	269	56
Octob. 7	236	66
Octob. 14	261	73
Octob. 21	248	60
Octob. 28	214	34
Novemb. 4	242	29
Novem. 11	215	29
Novem. 18	200	18
Novem. 25	216	7
Decemb. 2	221	20
Decemb. 9	198	19
Decemb. 16	217	5
The total of all the Burials this year		10554
Of the Plague		1317

1636.

	total.	Pl.
April 7	199	2
April 14	205	4
This Week were added to the City-parishes,		
S. Marg. Westminster		
Lambeth		
S. Mary Newington		
Redriffe-parish		
S. Mary Islington		
Stepney parish		
Hackney parish		
April 21	285	14
April 28	259	17
May 5	251	10
May 12	308	55
May 19	299	35
May 26	330	62
June 2	339	67
June 9	345	87
June 16	381	103
June 23	304	79
June 30	352	104
July 7	215	81
July 14	372	104
July 21	395	120
July 28	423	151
August 4	461	206
August 11	538	283
August 18	638	321
August 25	787	419
Septemb. 1	1011	638
Septemb. 8	1069	650
Septem. 15	1306	865
Septem. 25	1229	775
Septem. 29	1403	928
Octob. 6	1405	921
Octob. 13	1302	792
Octob. 20	1002	555
Octob. 27	900	458
Novemb. 3	1300	838
Novem. 10	1104	715
Novem. 17	950	573
Novem. 24	857	476
Decemb. 1	614	312
Decemb. 8	459	167
Decemb. 15	385	85
Decemb. 22	316	76
Decemb. 29	383	125
The total of all the Burials this year		27415
Of the Plague		12102

1637.

	total.	Pl.
January 5	381	126
January 12	314	73
January 19	268	59
January 26	289	72
February 2	351	103
February 9	315	104
Febr. 16	285	78
Febr. 23	254	44
March 2	262	69
March 9	332	100
March 16	303	80
March 23	260	65
March 31	343	115
April 7	301	98
April 14	288	79
April 21	330	90
April 28	319	107
May 4	292	81
May 11	300	105
May 18	285	74
May 25	314	83
June 1	269	72
June 8	273	74
June 15	268	110
June 22	304	106
June 29	371	156
July 6	362	163
July 13	325	133
July 20	321	140
July 27	335	117
August 3	300	89
August 10	275	74
August 17	228	53
August 24	225	43
August 31	209	30
Septemb. 7	227	36
Septem. 14	200	21
Septem. 21	184	21
Septem. 28	197	27
Octob. 5	166	15
Octob. 12	198	17
Octob. 19	174	13
The total of all the Burials this year		14170
Of the Plague		3603

1638.

Buried in *London* & the Liberties this year of all Diseases, 16621

Of the Plague 508

1665.

	total.	Pl.
April 25	358	2
May 2	388	0
May 9	347	9
May 16	353	3
May 23	385	14
May 30	399	17
June 6	405	43
June 13	558	112
June 20	611	168
June 27	684	267
July 4	1006	470
July 11	1268	725
July 18	1761	1089
July 25	2785	1843
August 1	3014	2010
August 8	4030	2817
Aug. 15	5319	3880
Aug. 22	5568	4237
Aug. 29	7496	6102
Sept. 5.	8252	6978
Sept. 12	7690	6544
Sept 19	8297	7165
Sept 26	6460	5532
Oct 3	5720	4929
Oct 10	5068	4327
Oct 17	3219	2665
Oct 24	1806	1421
Oct 31	1388	1031
Nov. 7.	1787	1414
Nov. 14	1359	1050
Nov. 21	0905	652
Nov. 28.	0544	333.
Dec. 5.	0428	210.
Dec. 12	0442	243
Dec. 19	0525	281

Buried this Week of all Diseases, ——7496

Of the Plague——6102

Increased in the Burials this Week----1928

Parishes clear of the Plague—— 17

Parishes Infected——113

From Aug. 22. to August. 29. 1665

Buried in the 97 Parishes within the Walls, from Aug. 22. *to the* 29, *Of the Plague*, ——700.

In the out Parishes this Week, of the Plague as followeth.	
S. *Andrews Holborn*	380
S. *Bartholmew great*	65
S. *Bartholmew less.*	8
S. *Brides parish*	152
Bridewel Precinct	9
S. *Botolph Aldersgate*	80
S. *Botolph Allgate*	346
S. *Botolph Bishopsgate*	280
S. *Dunstans West*	42
S. *George Southwork*	120
S. *Giles Cripplegate*	605
S. *Olaves Southwark*	209
S. *Saviours Southwark*	261
S. *Sepulchres parish*	336
S. *Thomas Southwark*	22
Trinity Minories	4
At the Pest-house	5
S. *Giles in the Fields*	146
Hackney parish	7
S. *James Clerkenwel*	122
S. *Katharine Tower*	71
Lambeth parish	17
S. *Leonard Shoreditch*	238
S. *Magdalen Bermond*	70
S. *Mary Newington*	104
S. *Mary Islington*	66
S. *Mary Whitechappel*	462
Redriff parish	6
Stepney parish	442
S. *Clement Danes*	82
S. *Paul Covent-Garden*	21
S. *Martins in the Fields*	287
S. *Mary Savoy*	16
S. *Margaret Westminst.*	309
At the Pest-house	8

A Necessary PRAYER *for this Present Time.*

O God of Glory, Lord of Power, Distributer of Vengeance, and yet the favourable Physitian of sick Souls and Bodies, look down upon thy sinful, yet prostrate Servants, the People of the City of *London*; who are every where Heart-struck with the Arrows of thy Angry Visitation: We have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously offended, and without thy Grace there is no Help, being now shunned and despised, even of all the Country-People round about us; for whom, notwithstanding, we earnestly pray as for our selves: beseeching thee, of thy unmeasurable Goodness, not to look upon them according to their Deserts, but to have Mercy on them and us, and stay thy Heavy Hand from them as well as from us. O Lord God of Mercy, be good to us, and look not upon our sins: for if thou wayest the Offences of Man, no Flesh shall stand before thee. We have sinned, we confess, O Lord, we have sinned, there is no Righteousness in us, nor any Help but thine. Oh then, let thy Angel stay his Hand, as he did at thy Merciful Appointment, when *David* offending thee, saw the Sword over *Jerusalem*. Let the Doors of our Hearts be sprinkled with the Blood of that Immaculate Lamb, Christ Jesus, that the Slayer may pass by us, as he did when the first Born in *Ægypt* were smitten with the Pestilence. O God, thou canst slay and restore again, strike into Sickness, and give Health; for thou art onely a Saviour. O God, the Maker of us all, look Mercifully on thy Workmanship. O God, the Saviour of us all, be an Intercessor to thy Father for us. O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter of us all, Inspire us with true Repentance, that we may humbly seek, and suddenly find Mercy from the Holy Trinity; one God in Unity, ever to be Honoured, while Man hath Breath, or Creatures any Being. Have Mercy, O God, have Mercy, O God: for to thee Mercy belongeth, which all true Repentants purchase in our Redeemer Jesus: in whose Name we beseech thee to free us and our Brethren, from this tearful Visitation: concluding these our requests with that absolute form of Prayer, which he himself hath taught us, saying, *Our Father which art in Heaven*, &c.

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